Funds for education of muslims

2212. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sub-committee of the Planning Commission has recommended allocation of a sum of Rs.5460 crore during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, for education of muslims in the country;

(b) if so, whether some innovative methods and programmes to educate muslims have also been recommended;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the eleven point programme envisaged for muslims by the sub-committee; and

(e) whether coordination with the Ministry of Human Resource Development and other Ministries is being planned, to implement the recommendations of the sub-committee?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (e) In the context of the formulation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12), the Planning Commission constituted a Working Group on "Empowering the Minorities". The Working Group formed three sub-groups, one of which was on educational development. The submissions of these sub-groups were internal to the deliberations of the Working Group and were taken into account while finalizing the report of the Working Group submitted to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has not finalized the Eleventh Plan as yet.

Funds for upliftment of minorities

2213. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation made to the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation during the last three years, year wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated during the period have been fully utilized;

(c) if, so the details thereof;

(d) whether the amount sanctioned, was sufficient to meet the growing demand for upliftment of minorities in the country and if so the details thereof;

(e) whether NMDFC is facing financial crunch to meet its obligation to minorities; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by allocating more funds for upliftment of the minorities?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The details of funds allocated for equity contribution to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Amount Allocated (Rs. in crores)
2004-05	Rs.73.65
2005-06	Rs.25.00
2006-07	Rs.18.29

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are as follows:–

Year	(Rs. in crores)
2004-05	Rs.73.65
2005-06	Rs.25.00
2006-07	Rs.18.29

(d) to (f) The budgetary allocation for equity contribution to NMDFC by Central Government has been raised from Rs. 18.29 crores in 2006-07 to Rs. 70 crores during 2007-08.

Electricity generation from renewable sources

†2214. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a target of 10 thousand megawatt of power from renewable sources like wind energy during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the efforts made for power generation in bio-mass, wind power and small hydro power sector; and

(c) the efforts made for strengthening the transmission and distribution system alongwith the power production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) A capacity addition of 14,000 MW is envisaged during the Eleventh Plan period through renewable energy sources comprising 10,500 MW wind power, 2100 MW bio power and 1400 MW small hydro power.

(b) Investment in renewables is being encouraged through fiscal and financial incentives that include capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, concessional duties and relief from taxes. These apart, preferential tariff for renewable power is being given in most potential States. Around 10,465 MW grid interactive renewable power generation capacity comprising 7231 MW wind power, 1221 MW bio-power and 2013 MW small hydro power has been set up as on 30.06.2007.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.